

action on this legislation. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of LB 50 to E & R Initial. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Shall the bill be advanced? Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 50.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 50 is advanced to E & R. LB 163, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 163 was a bill introduced by Senators Rod Johnson, Scofield, Hall, Schellpeper, Baack, Ashford, Wesely, and Withem. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 5, 1989, referred to the Natural Resources Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Natural Resources Committee. (See page 1154 of the Legislative Journal, First Session.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, Senator Johnson, could you handle the amendments?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The committee amendments are very simple. There is a three-tier funding mechanism in this bill. One of the funding mechanisms was a fee of \$1 on each ton of newsprint that is sold in the State of Nebraska. The committee chose to withdraw that or to delete that funding source out of the bill, and that is all the committee amendment does.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Discussion on the committee amendments. Senator Haberman, Senator Morrissey next.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, and members of the body, I would like to ask a question of Senator Johnson, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Would you respond, sir?